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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN NATO STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS

REFS: A. STATE 200959

B. USNATO 4819

C. USNATO 4814

D. USNATO 4755

E. USNATO 4556

1. AT SEPT 9 PERMREPS LUNCHEON, SYG LUNS RAISED ISSUE OF STANDARDIZATION, STATING THAT A DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES WAS IN ORDER. AMB DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AGREED WITH THIS VIEW AND AMB DE ROSE (FRANCE) NOTED THAT FRANCE WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS " AT THE FIFTEEN". BRIEF DISCUSSION BY OTHER PERMREPS CENTERED ABOUT WHAT CONNECTION NEW STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS WOULD HAVE WITH RELATED WORK BY EUROGROUP (REF B), THE CNADS AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

2. IN CHECKING INTO WHY LUNS BROUGHT THE SUBJECT UP, WE HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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LEARNED FROM SYGS OFFICE THAT DE ROSE CALLED ON LUNS BEFORE LUNCH SEPT 9 AND MADE THE POINT THAT FRANCE WAS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN STANDARDIZATION WORK IF CONDUCTED UNDER NAC AUSPICES. WE UNDERSTAND LUNS EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT DE ROSES

HAVING BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE HIS AUTHOORITIES AND THEN DECIDED
TO MENTION THE SUBJECT AT THE PERMREPS LUNCHEON SO DE ROSE
COULD INDICATE FRANCES INTEREST TO OTHER AMBASSADORS.

3. AMBASSADOR BRUCE PLANS TO MEET SEPTEMBER 10
WITH BOTH DE STAERCKE AND DE ROSE TO DISCUSS STANDARDIZATION. BRUCE

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